became available, one in November 1916, one in April 1918, one in November 1920 and one in June 1921. An eighth circle was added in November 1920.

(3) The Circle officers are designated Deputy Directors and they are on a scale of Rs. 350—1,250 with an overseas pay of Rs. 150 to 250 in the case of officers of non-Indian domicile. There is a selection grade from Rs. 1,250—1,500. They belong to the Indian Agricultural Service.

(4) Yes: it is intended that each circle should ultimately have an Assistant Director, a member of the Madras Agricultural Service. At present only three circles have got an assistant.

(5) Of the eight officers in charge of circles four, of whom one is a European, were educated in the United Kingdom, and in the course of their education did practical agricultural work. In the case of three of these officers, their Indian experience dates from the time of their appointment, a period varying from one to three years. The fourth officer had served as an Assistant Director for nearly twelve years before his promotion to the Imperial Service. The training and experience of the remaining four officers has been entirely in India. The most junior of them has completed eight years' service.

*Location of police hospitals.*

563 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number and the places of police hospitals in the Presidency which are located in places where there are other public or private hospitals?

*A.*—There are ten such hospitals at Anantapur, Vellore, Coimbatore, Mangalore, Kurnool, Cannanore, Sivakasi, Salem, Palamcottah and Koraput.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Have the Government satisfied themselves that there is need for the continuance of the police hospitals in those places where there are other Government hospitals? I find that in a number of places there are police hospitals in addition to public and private hospitals."

The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"I understand, Sir, that some of these hospitals are being amalgamated into general hospitals."

*Representation of the depressed classes in the local boards of Bellary.*

564. *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) whether there is any member of the depressed classes on the Bellary taluk board; and

(ii) whether there are other local boards also without such representatives, and if so, which?

*A.*—(i) The answer is in the negative.

(ii) A statement of the members of the depressed classes appointed to local boards in the Presidency will be furnished to the hon. Member.